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In re application of:
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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS
FOR A HOME NETWORK AUTO-
TREE BUILDER

Group Art Unit: 2176

Amendment and Response to
Office Action Dated August 27, 2002

Application No.: 09/709,781

Filed: Nov. 3, 2000

Los Angeles, California 90067

AMENDMENT RESPONSIVE TO AUGUST 27, 2002 OFFICE ACTION

Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby responds to the Office Action dated August 27, 2002. Please amend the above-referenced application as follows.

In The Claims

Please amend the Claims as follows:

B2 9. (Amended) A method for providing an interface for accessing home devices that are currently connected to a local network, the method comprising the steps of:
autonomously creating a device link page from at least the local network, wherein the device link page contains at least a device button that is currently connected to the network;
associating a hyper-text link with each device button, wherein the hyper-text link provides a link to graphical or textual information that is contained in the device that is associated with the device button; and